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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed September 13, 2007, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121.

- I. Claims 1 -13 (Group I) drawn to a mold apparatus for manufacturing holders, classified in Class 425, Subclass 547; and
- II. Claims 14-19 (Group II) drawn to a method for manufacturing a holder, classified in Class 264, Subclass 314.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the subject matter defined by Claims 1 - 13 (Group I) without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue Claim 14-19 (Group II) in a divisional application.

In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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